

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 184  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Judy Woodruff upon her receipt of the Governor's Award for the Arts.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly thank those artistic sons and daughters of Tennessee who have brought great acclaim to the State of Tennessee as a result of their talents, generosity, and determination; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessee artist could possibly be more deserving of such salutation than legendary dance advocate, Judy Woodruff, who was recently awarded the Governor's Award for Arts Leadership on March 15, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a Johnson City resident, Ms. Woodruff is the Executive Director of the Tennessee Association of Dance, a statewide network of organizations and individuals committed to artistic excellence and to ensuring that dance is a vital and respected part of life for all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, providing services that support communication, fellowship, advocacy, leadership, and education for a broad-based dance constituency, this laudable organization sponsors training opportunities through an annual conference featuring master teachers in various disciplines, regional workshops, and the Summer Workshop for Youth; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woodruff's acute understanding of the value of arts participation began at an early age; her own study of dance commenced during her childhood, and she continued to study dance through studio classes, at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville Florida, and at Vermont's Middlebury College, where she also taught; and

WHEREAS, as a co-founder of the Mountain Movers dance troupe in the 1980s, Ms. Woodruff ardently participated in creating and performing innovative works; presently, she is an

adjunct professor of Dance at East Tennessee State University, where she shares her gifts and passion for dance with students and aspiring dancers; and

WHEREAS, Judy Woodruff's service is, without question, an invaluable asset to the arts community of Tennessee and the general population at large whose lives are enriched by the flourishing of artistic excellence, and her heartfelt endeavors to promote dance throughout the State of Tennessee should be appropriately recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Judy Woodruff for her great dedication and commitment to increasing opportunities for all people to experience dance and the arts, congratulate her upon her receipt of the Governor's Arts Award for Leadership, and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.